

1697. the ship of the remaining two that could most easily enter St. Teresa River ; but as he was on the point of boarding her, the commandant struck his flag and surrendered.

D'Iberville then gave chase to the Deringue, the third, which was escaping to the northeast, and which was only a good cannon-shot off ; but as that vessel was as good a sailer as his own ship, he soon gave up the chase, not daring to crowd sail, having had much of his rigging cut, two pumps burst, his shrouds considerably injured, his hull cut up by seven cannon-balls and pierced at the water's edge, with no way of stopping the leak. He accordingly veered and sent the Sieur de la Sale in his boat with twenty-five men to man the prize. He then proceeded to repair damage, and having done so with great expedition, he renewed the chase of the only remaining enemy, who was now three leagues off.

He began to gain on him, when in the evening the wind changing to the north and a thick fog suddenly rising, he lost sight of the Deringue. This accident compelled him to rejoin the Hudson Bay, and he anchored near the Hamshier, now almost out of sight, and from which not a soul had been saved. He learned from his prisoners that they had been detained twenty-five days in the ice and had lost a fireship by the same accident that had destroyed the French brigantine ; that they had then fallen in with a French storeship, which had fought them for six hours, and then proceeded to join two other ships of that nation in the ice.

This storeship was the *Profond*, fitted out by d'Iberville at Placentia, carrying 26 guns and 120 men under command of Mr. Dugué. It had been separated from the *Palmier* and *Wesp* on the 25th of August, and a few days after found itself in the midst of three English ships, which riddled her with cannon-balls, but failed to board her or make her captain strike. Fortunately for him, after six hours action they perceived the *Wesp* and *Palmier* crowding sail to support him, and deemed it inexpedient to await them. The *Profond* was completely disabled ; the other

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